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TITLE : FLUORANE COMPOUND

R<sub>1</sub> >N OCH<sub>2</sub> NH-R<sub>3</sub>

 $RO \longrightarrow NH - R$ 

 $R_1 > N \xrightarrow{C} C \xrightarrow{C} M$ 

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ABSTRACT: NEW MATERIAL:The 2-substituted-amino-3-methoxy-6-disubstituted amino-fluorane compound of formula I [R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl or R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> together with N form saturated ring; R<sub>3</sub> is (substituted) benzyl or (substituted) phenyl].

EXAMPLE: 2-Benzylamino-3-methoxy-6-diethylaminofluorane.

USE: A dye precursor for heat-sensitive recording paper, electrical heat-sensitive recording paper, etc.

PROCESS: The objective compound can be prepared, e.g. by reacting the aniline derivative of formula II (R is H or lower alkyl) (e.g. N-benzyl-2,4-dimethoxyaniline) with the benzophenone compound of formula III (e.g.

2-hydroxy-4-dimethylamino-2'-carboxy-benzophenone) in the presence of concentrated sulfuric acid at 0~80°C, throwing the reaction mixture in water, and adjusting the pH of the mixture to 8~10 with NaOH to precipitate the objective compound.